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SUBJECT: PLANNED EMIGRATION HUNGARIAN INTELLECTUALS

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1. AS POLICY MATTER, WE WANT TO FACILITATE EMIGRATION FROM HUNGARY OF HUNGARIAN INTELLECTUALS, AND EMBASSY SHOULD LEND ALL APPROPRIATE SUPPORT TO THEIR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN EXIT DOCUMENTATION (IF PASSPORTS NOT YET OBTAINED) AND TO LEAVE. TO PIN DOWN ELIGIBILITY FOR U.S. IMMIGRATION WE NEED FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

2. ALL APPLICANTS (INCLUDING ANY SPOUSES) SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED AND QUESTION OF ANY VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY COMMUNIST PARTY OR TRADE UNION MEMBERSHIP RESOLVED. WE NEED NAMES, DATES, PLACES OF BIRTH FOR NAME CHECKS ALL APPLICANTS

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AS WELL.

3. REGARDING KONRAD, PLEASE CONFIRM HIS SISTER IS U.S. CITIZEN, AND OBTAIN HER NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER. ASSUME SHE HAS OR HAS BEEN SENT NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO PROVE RELATIONSHIP.

4. REGARDING MRS. BIRO AND SZELENYI, PLEASE CABLE NAME AND ADDRESSES OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS AND PLACES WHERE LABOR CERTIFICATION WILL BE SUBMITTED, AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS.

5. FYI WE ARE KEENLY AWARE OF THE SENSITIVITY AND POSSIBLY PRECEDENT-SETTING NATURE OF THIS CASE. FOR THIS REASON WE WANT TO PROCEED CAREFULLY, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME AVOIDING ANY FURTHER JEOPARDY TO THE THREE PERSONS INVOLVED THROUGH FOOT-DRAGGING OR OVERLY BUREAUCRATIC PROCEDURES ON OUR PART. OUR PRELIMINARY THINKING IS THAT FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS OUGHT TO BE TO RENDER ANY FEASIBLE ASSISTANCE THESE PEOPLE IN GETTING OUT OF HUNGARY, POSSIBLY TO AUSTRIA OR TO SOME OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY. THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE CAN COUPLE THIS ASSISTANCE WITH FAIRLY EXPLICIT PROMISE OF IMMEDIATE OR ULTIMATE ADMISSION TO THE US WILL DEPEND ON INFORMATION SOLICITED ABOVE. MEANWHILE WE ARE CONTINUING TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR HELP AND WILL KEEP IN TOUCH. MAW

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